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Interesting Features:

A few weeks since California's dis-
tinguished United States Senator, Hon.
John F. Miller, delivered before the
Chamber of Commerce of San Fran-
cisco a notable speech in expansion
and advocacy of the Nicaragua ship-
canal project. A liberal compend of
the speech was telegraphed to the Times
on the day of its delivery. The
subject of interoceanic transit is one
of the world-wide interest, and
General Miller's notable speech served
to bring to the public's freshly-borne
American people, the importance of
the Pacific Coast, who, above all others,
are deeply concerned in the
scheme of isthmian canalization, be-
cause the accomplishment of that great
project must prove of incalculable benefit
to the commerce of the Western
States.

For the purpose of best illustrating
the vital canal enterprises—the Nic-
aragua and the Panama projects—the
Times publishes to-day maps and dia-
grams, with accompanying descriptive
and statistical text, which, studied in
connection, will be found to give, in
small compass, a full, full, accurate
and detailed view of the transit
situation on the Isthmus of Panama.

For the maps and diagrams we are
indebted to the courtesy of the San Fran-
cisco Journal of Commerce, whose
enterprising conductors caused the
same to be expressly engraved for their
useful journal.

A diagram outlining the route of the
Panama Tehuantepec ship railway is
also given.

The Times published, a few weeks
since, a formidable array of facts and
figures touching the Panama project of
Dr. Leopoldo, showing the difficult-
ness encountered by that in-
trepid engineer in his slow progress
across the isthmus, but fever-infested
portion of the isthmus which he five
years ago selected as the ground for his
daring experiment.

The line of facts which we present
to-day is confessedly intended as an
argument in favor of the Nicaragua route
against its great rival, but both
schemed fairly presented.

As to the Nicaragua route, which
most appeals to American commerce, and
particularly to Pacific commerce, by the
construction of one or both of those
canals, there can be no question. No
argument is needed to support that ob-
viously sound proposition.

The isthmus affords the shortest route
to the East and to Europe, and, besides,
being the shortest, it is the most
convenient with the Gulf
States and all the rich countries of
northern South America, eastern Central
America and Mexico, from which
we had been hitherto cut off. The
saving in point of distance between
San Francisco and New York is esti-
mated to be not less than 6,000 miles,
and the time saved from San Francisco
to port 4,000 miles. The mail steamers,
instead of stopping at Acapulco and
Panama, could come right through,
and there would be a saving in distance
traveled alone of not less than 304,300
miles of steaming, or a distance equal
to more than eight times the circum-
ference of the earth. These figures
are the result of the calculations of
the engineers involved in our commerce.
The Journal of Commerce estimates that
there would be a saving of \$100 a day
on the part of a sailing steamer; and
other things being equal, each steamer
trip from San Francisco to New York
and back would be saved by a
month or a month and a half.

That is, \$6,000 would be saved.

Calculated the cost of working a vessel
to Liverpool at \$12,000, there would
be saved on the round trip not less than
\$6000, or for the whole wheat fleet,
not less than \$3,000,000. All the savings
would ultimately accrue to the com-
merciai world.

Temperature and Prohibition.

The extreme bitterness of feeling
towards the Republican party, indulged in
by many leading Prohibitionists,
does not often find expression in a
more sweeping and unfeigned aversion
than in the following editorial utterance
of the Union Signal, the prominent
organ of the Republicans of California:

"It is hard to believe that the
one-
defenders of our law have become an
organized body of violators of law.
But in the case of the Republicans
regarding the action of the Grand Army
of the Republic in shipping liquors to
Portland, Me., for their more hilarious
holidays."

To the soberity and law-abiding
character of the Grand Army of the
Republic, or that portion of it gathered at
the recent encampment at Portland, no
stronger testimony could be offered than
that given by the correspondent of the
Times, who, in speaking of this vast
assembly, wrote:

"This great encampment of a

week, with a resident of Portland, has
created less disturbance than an ordinary
street will in one day. Prof-
itably more upright and temperate
natives have never been brought
together at any time. The men who
left disposed brought their liquors
with them, but those who have been
here have been living with known
law and whose devotion to country was so
considered that life itself was not con-
sidered too precious to be offered for
their health and maintenance, should
prove traitors to those principles and
seek to destroy what they have so
nearly and so nobly upheld. The great difficulty
with the Prohibitionists is that they
inquire to admit the honesty and
integrity of principle of those claiming
to be the friends of temperance, but
whose views and methods of restraining
the evils of intemperance are different
from their own. It is this lack of
class and party spirit, and which has
caused the breach, which they have
created between themselves and other
equally strong friends of temper-
ance who exist outside of their ranks.

THE SAUCERER.

I made many pleasant trips as I trip
here and there through the highways and
byways of city and country, and
many a pleasant story, as well as news
and gossip, I have found from the
people who come in contact with me.
Said Sidney Smith, a teacher, who said
"I will do human nature the justice to say
that we are all born alike to make other
people do their duty," and I made this
truthful statement. But I met a gentle-
man yesterday who was telling me of a
boy he had, and the boy was a real
hood, in which the actor was enforcement
of this compulsion upon himself. A per-
son who had a boy, and a slave, and it was an
old old fellow, said, and he lived upon
the pittance of the gentleman's father.
The teacher who said, "I will do
more than a boy himself," said he
was at the time, was sitting at home
and the sound of the lash, followed by
little sobbing and crying and broken
sobs, where the lash had been applied,
and with every merciless stroke the
boy quailed, and he shrieked
in the agony of his punishment.

"Why, Sambo, what does all this
mean—what are you about here?" he
said.

"O, man's," said Sambo, "I've been
very bad, I've been an' done berry
bad, and I didn't tell all the
truths, and I'm a' man's," said
Sambo, so I jess done an' lick myself.
I've been very bad, an' daughter be
told me I was a' man's, and I added,
as he laid on the heavy strokes

of the cane.

There was as heroic as the submis-
sion of priest or penitent upon
whom has been laid the art of
sacrifice, and who had like to
know what he had done, but after
the was brought him freedom.

The gentleman said he had lost all trac-
tion, but if he had lived, he would
have found faith to the right, I am sure.

I was chatting with a pleasant lady
one day last week who has a bright
little daughter, an active, busy little
girl, who is a real beauty, and who
was climbing a fence, and her mother
replied rebuking her, telling her it was
not nice for little girls to climb fences.

"People will come along," said her
mother, "and say, 'There is Dr. W.'s
little girl, and she is climbing a fence.'"
The mother was singing, "I'm Climbing up
Zion's Hill," when the little one, over-
joyed, leaped from the fence, and the
mother said, "O, mamma, you are too-ho-
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them to travel, even a short distance,
alone, between the two trains, and would have
had no objection to the rescue and drawn her
quickly from her dangerous position.
After all, it is criminal to leave them
travel about unattended. If there is
no one to go with them let them remain
at home.

I have a good many inquiries in
regard to the gathering of the Chama-
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Festive Scenes in the Houses of Modern Mexico.

BALLS AND BULL-FIGHTS, FOLK-SONGS

And Pradogian—Inflame who Eat Scorpions—Delights of Sleeping with Centipedes and Other Crawling Creatures.

internal correspondences or the news.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 1, 1885.—

All Mexican haciendas are much alike

as to general features, whether the

owner reckons his possessions by hundreds

of square miles or *por si* *pendo* *si*.

The main building is always

an immense structure of stone or

equally durable plastered adobe—

either far or near—country-hous-

es, to which the owner, but with a char-

acter peculiar to himself,

a fort more than anything else, is to be

found at the North, with basements and

ramps like the domain of a baron

of old, its corner towers and loop-

holes for guns having been built with

an eye to revolutionaries sappers and

the frequent raids of *indios*.

The wealthy proprietor seldom lives

upon his estates, but gives it over to

a manager, administrator, who

each have their clerks and account-

to superintend the overseers—and so

on down through the social gamut to

the people who "superintend" the pigs.

As may be imagined, there

is a great variety

in this complex system for when every

ear of corn and gallon of *polque* must

nearly follow so many hands, it profits

absorbed above those of the owner.

Most of these, like the ranches, have

the houses of the hacienda,

curtains and carpets, with brick

floors, barred windows, whitewashed

numbers empty rooms, eas-

tily furnished, tables and iron bed-

steads, and the outlying huts of the

peasantry, form a city with the ran-

chadas.

Every hacienda, whether rich or

poor, has in its own, of more or less

magnitude, which to the curi-

ous visitor a perfect picture of

Mexican life. Every

hacienda

possesses as many yellow-

legged and blue-hued serpents,

the great *Colubras* in the City of Mexico;

these are collected and

the alvei, and, with the

servants, servants, bakery,

out-hands,

and the outlying huts of the

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chadas.

In those exceptional instances where

the owner owns land upon which

the estate, their immediate

neighbors number

themselves, the number

of people who

live upon the property

is not so great as to

a degree.

In those cases, the

hacienda, the

servants, the

horses, the

cattle, the

horses, the

